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- Playgroup

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**3MM, 3CH, 3SL, 4CW & 4SM Last Week Swimming Lessons – Last Lesson - Wed 16th November, 2016**

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- Assembly MPC 1:45pm

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**2MF, 2TB, 2JP, 4KL & 1NC Commence Swimming Lessons Thursday 17th November 2016**

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## Principal’s News

WOW only 4 weeks left of the 2016 school year!!!!

### Charlie Law Memorial Oval Ceremony

On Friday 4 November we conducted our dedication ceremony to honour Charlie Law, a dedicated teacher and community member. Our oval will now be known as ‘Charlie Law Memorial Oval’. It was wonderful to have Mrs Ros Law and her extended family in attendance at the ceremony. Thank you also to Mr Rob Jensen for speaking so passionately about Charlie as a respected colleague and community stalwart.

### Term 4 John Fleming Visit

Last Friday our external expert / mentor John Fleming participated in his last visit for 2016. Staff attended a morning workshop before school. The focus of the workshop was refinement of reading hierarchy consolidations. These refinements will have a significant impact and take reading consolidations to a very high standard. During the walkthroughs with John during the day it was great to see that some teachers had already implemented some of the refinements. Teachers were provided with greater clarity after John’s visit.

Critical content that is in reading hierarchy consolidations -

1. **Recognition** – students recognise the alphabet and the phonemes to a mastery level
2. **Manipulation** – students are able to identify, change parts of words
3. **Sight Words** – students are able to read sights words at hyper speed – click speed
4. **Syllables** – student can proficiently break up short and long words
5. **Comprehension** – student are able to comprehend – literally, inferentially & critically
6. **Fluency** – students practise reading to develop literacy

Reading hierarchy consolidations completed effectively everyday will improve student reading!

### Semester 2 Assessment

Attendance at this time of year is crucial as all students are completing final assessment tasks that will determine their grades for Semester 2 report cards. All the hard work has been completed throughout the semester. It is now time for students to apply the skills taught and learnt.

Please ensure your child continues to come to school unless legitimately sick.

### Year 4 Camp – Conway Beach

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending Year 4 camp for 2 nights at Conway Beach.

It was wonderful to be able to spend time with the students in an outdoor, off campus setting. The behaviour of the students was exceptional. I thank the Year 4 teachers for their time in organising and supervising at the camp, and thanks also to our wonderful parent helpers, Mr Matt Ogden and Mr Rob Gow.

### Rob Templeton
Principal

### Deputy Principal's News

### Rememberance Day

This Friday, November 11 is Remembrance Day and students are able to purchase items from outside the main office, there is a choice of 3 items. There are pin on poppies for $1.00, wrist bands for $2.00 and a poppy flower on a pin for $2.00. Student Council members will be selling these items before school and at lunch breaks on Thursday and Friday.

### Outside Hours School Care (OHSC)

Over the last few months the school has been looking at starting up Outside Hours School Care in 2017. This would mean that we will have on-site a company running before school, after school and vacation care programs at our school.

This has been done in consultation with our Regional Office in Townsville with a panel from our school consisting of Mrs Lisa Milne, our P&C President, Ms Helen Jones, our Business
Services Manager, and myself. Two companies submitted very good tenders and we are now in the last stages of finalising who will be providing this service for us in 2017.

As well as offering programs that best meet the needs of our school, we are also looking at the company which will run this program with the intent of becoming an extension of our school community.

Further details will come out in the next newsletter.

**Student Council**

This week the Student Council ran the last of their activities of this year - a Coin Trail to raise funds for Kids for Cancer. I would like to thank all students who participated in this as I know the funds raised will be highly appreciated.

I would also like to thank our Student Council for their efforts this year as they have been involved in many things and can be proud of their achievements.

This year the Student Council have participated in the GRIP Leadership Conference in Mackay, ran the Heath family Free Dress Day fundraiser, helped out selling ANZAC poppies, supported activities at Under 8s Day, ran the State of Origin Free Dress Day, assisted with Lego Club, were rostered on to the plant stall at the Country Fair, participated in Book Fair supervision, purchased $3 000 worth of play equipment, organised and ran the Free Dress Disco, participated in the Reef Guardian Eco Challenge and a beach clean up day at Conway Beach, supported the Prep at play by running games for Prep students, promoted the Day for Daniel, ran the Kids for Cancer Coin Trail activity and helped teachers to celebrate World Teachers Day by organising a thank you tribute.

Congratulations to our Student Council of 2017!!

Have a great two weeks everyone! Remember, with only 4 weeks to go after this week, Every Day Counts.

**Alison Bradford**

**Deputy Principal**

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**Curriculum Matters**

**Moderation**

Last week, our teachers met with colleagues from Cannonvale State School to moderate an English assessment task. Moderation is a quality assurance process that marks or grades are awarded appropriately and consistently. Within a year level cohort, throughout the entire year, our teachers moderate all assessment items so that a ‘C’ in one class is the same in another class.

Judgements are made against criteria which dictate what features a student’s work should include. In this respect, we don’t refer to students as ‘An ’A’ student’ or ‘A’ ‘C’ student’ but rather, “This student’s work is an ‘B’ standard.”

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**Resources List 2017**

This is now available on the school’s website. I would like to draw your attention to several items:

- Headphones USB NOT 3.5mm – this is because these are more serviceable in moving from a tower (C Block computer lab) to a laptop (R Block computer lab); there is less ‘hissing’ and it has its soundcard inside the headset.

  HOWEVER – it is explicated on the Resource List that parents DO NOT have to purchase new headphones if their children already have some. If your kids have the 3.5mm headphones, don’t feel like you have to buy another pair. When they need replacing, consider purchasing the USB headphones then.

- The mini-scapbook (Reflection Journal) should be used each year until it needs replacing; check that your child’s is full before purchasing another one.

- When shopping, please consider spending a little more money on quality stationery items. They last significantly longer than those purchased at warehouse or cut price type stores. The cheaper exercise books tear every time a child rubs out something, and the cheaper pencils cannot be sharpened as they constantly break. Our local suppliers ensure that their products are better quality and where possible pass on savings to our parent community.

**Lee-Anne Dougherty**

**Head of Curriculum**

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**SWPBS – Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support**

Already we are in Week 6 and nearing the end of a highly successful year at Proserpine State School.

There are many exciting events on our end of year calendar but also in that time, assessment tasks and reports need to be completed. Historically, this period is a time when behaviour incidences increase as both students and teachers are working extra hard.

Parents please be aware of this and ensure that your children are having enough sleep (9-11 hours) and a nutritious breakfast before coming to school, in order to boost their resilience and brain power. In addition, ensure that your child is at school by 8.45am as missing the “instruction giving” part of the day, sets them off on the wrong foot for the whole day.
In less than five weeks your children will conclude another year level and for those in Year 6, the completion of their primary years. Please discuss with your students the importance of completing the year on a positive note and encourage them to seek assistance if their own strategies are not helping to solve any problems they are experiencing.

On a positive note, one of my most pleasing events for the end of the year is the distribution of gold lapel pins to those students who have been at our school for at least two terms and have maintained Star Student status for the entire year. This year 465 students will be receiving these pins.

Ann Gardel
Behaviour Support Teacher

Sports

Swimming Lessons

Weeks 7, 8 & 9 – 2MF, 2TB, 2JP, 4KL and 1NC commence swimming.

2016 School Swimming Carnival

A reminder again that our School Inter House Swimming Carnivals will be held this year on Friday 2nd December 2016. The carnival is a great day for students to participate in some friendly competition and achieve points for their sports house. The swimming carnival is open and free of charge to all those students in Years 4 to 6 who participated in the Learn to Swim Program in Term 4.

Students will travel by bus to and from the pool with groups leaving at 9:00am and returning at approximately 2pm. The races themselves will start at 9:30am.

On the day, please ensure your child has the appropriate gear for the carnival including togs and towel. All items should be clearly labelled. Students may swim their races without a rashie however they will be required to cover up once back in the stands.

All students attending the pool on the day will swim in events of either 25m or 50m depending on the competency demonstrated at their lessons. Students who are unable to swim on the day due to illness or injury should have a note from their parent or guardian explaining why they are unable if the injury is not clearly evident. Non swimmers will not be attending the carnival.

Each student must bring adequate lunch and water as well as sunscreen. The canteen will be in operation but students will be limited in their visits to it. They may purchase drinks or ice creams but lollies will not be sold. There will be some hot food such as sausage rolls available.

To allow our swimming carnival to operate successfully, we require the assistance of parents to take on a timekeeping role on the day. If you are attending the carnival on either day to support your child, you are more than welcome to be a timekeeper. These are not the Olympics so parents should not be concerned about their time keeping competency too much.

On the day, those parents who are able to be timekeepers will just need to register their name at the pool kiosk. Parents who are timekeeping on the day will not be required to pay the admission fee that is normally charged by the pool to spectate.

An event order for the carnival will be sent out closer to the carnival.

Yours in Sport
Trevor Nosworthy

Music

SENIOR CHOIR

The wonderful Senior Choir sang at the Proserpine Nursing Home on Wednesday 2nd November at 11.00am. They enjoyed entertaining the residents and the chat they had with them afterwards. The choir and folk group sang and Jim Smith and Indra Susila played their own choice pieces on the piano. The boys also played the metallaphone and xylophone to accompany the Folk Group. They are two very talented students!

The program was run by Sasha Templeton and Maddison List, our fantastic choir captains, and the boombox worked by Sam Rogers. Thank you.

The group travelled to The Nursing Home on Geoff Hunter’s bus at no cost. Many thanks to Geoff for donating his time and bus to do this.

Thank you also to Mrs Templeton for transporting some children and for helping with the paperwork needed to make this outing happen.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN

On Thursday 3rd November the whole school sang “Let It Play” with over half a million students across Australia to promote the importance of music education in Australia. Everyone enjoyed learning the song and singing it as a large group. Past songs were also sung.

http://vimeo.com/190810787

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

These choirs start this week for previous and new members to attend. They will help to lead the Carols by Candlelight to be held at the school on 01 December and also sing at the Ecumenical Service. Because there is a short time frame to
rehearse, we ask that those attending are committed to the choirs for the period of time needed.

Elspeth Scotford
Music teacher

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What’s Happening & General

Getting Ready for Prep Program

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed our 2017 Prep students and parents to our Friday Get Set for Prep morning. Our new students have enjoyed experiencing what Prep will be like which will assist in a smooth transition into fulltime schooling.

We look forward to our new Preppies attending the remaining Get Set for Prep Friday mornings over the next few weeks.

Please contact the school office if you have a 2017 Prep aged child that you would like to enrol for next year.

Prep CD

Some fantastic writing by our Prep Students this year! Just look at the difference between Term 3 & Term 4 by these two students:

Term 3

Mr McGee and the Biting Flea

• The students had to write about their favourite rhyming story

[Image of students holding signs]
[Image of book cover: Mr McGee and the Biting Flea]
[Image of students working on writing]
[Image of students holding signs]
[Image of book cover: Mr McGee and the Biting Flea]
Prep DB

PDB joined in on the fun last Tuesday for Melbourne Cup with the girls glammimg up with their facinators they made and the boys in their very smart ties.

Term 4

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Students had to write to their favorite book character

GIRLS:

Back L-R: Kaitlyn Crisp, Isla Greene, Hannah Standerwick, Daisy Jenkins, Alyssa Haddow, Amber Crisp.

Front L-R: Savannah McKenzie, Tahlia Wilson, Bella-Rose Black-Stone, Demi Warby, Jayde.

BOYS:

Charlie Poulet Young, Colby Lake, Jacob Batman, Ted Griffiths, Nate-Lee Wilson, Mayson Powell, Jai Powell, Jai Patrick, Darcy Dawson and Seth Cranston.

Smith Boys smashing the Piano Eisteddfod

Matthew had 4 performances in the 8 Years and Under section, including a duet. He received Highly Commended for one of his solo pieces and 2nd place for his duet.

Jim performed 7 times in both 11 and 12 Years and Under sections, including a duet. He received 2nd place for his 11 Years and Under solo, 3rd place for his 12 Years and Under solo, 3rd place for his grand piano 11 and 12 Years and 3rd place for his 12 Years and Under duet.

Both boys also performed at their annual concert on Sunday 30th October at the Proserpine Entertainment Centre. They both played a solo piece from the eisteddfod as well as their duets. Awards were received by many students at the event.

Matthew received:

25/100 PC award bronze level 1 and Pianoforte memory award silver level 1

Jim received:

Pianoforte memory award silver level 1 and Pianoforte memory award gold level 1

Well Done to both boys!!!
Year 6 Reef Trip

Thank you to all parents who put in an expression of interest to assist as a parent helper on our upcoming excursion to Hardy’s Reef. Parents who have been selected to assist on the day have been notified by a letter, which was sent home with your child. If you put in an expression of interest and have not heard from the school the year 6 teachers thank you for your interest, however, the vacancies have been filled.

The costing for this year’s reef trip is currently in the process of being finalised. The excursion is usually approximately $85.00.

If your child did not fundraise then they will be required to pay the full price. Those students who raised funds as part of the snorkel-a-thon will be notified shortly of the discounted rate. Remember students in year 6 must maintain star student status, participate in swimming lessons to develop snorkelling and water safety skills, and attend and participate in the school swimming carnival held later this term.

Proserpine State School Playgroup

For further information like our Facebook Page: Proserpine State School Playgroup
Uniform Shop

**OPEN**

**Monday** 8:30am – 9:30am  
**Thursday** 2:45pm – 3:15pm

If you can’t make the opening hours, order forms are available from the office or you can download an order form from the link below.

Thank you for the donations of pre-loved clothing. More donations would be greatly appreciated.

We sell on a CASH ONLY basis to keep the cost of uniforms down. Thank you for your support.

Community Notices

**Quota**

**Christmas Markets**

**DECEMBER 2nd 2016**

6pm - Les Stagg Oval, Proserpine

Fun, Family Christmas Entertainment, Over 50 Stall Holders, Santa, Food, Drink & Kids Activities

Live Entertainment & Raffles
Bring a chair or picnic rug

Whitsunday Transit

**Notice to Parents – School Bus Travel/Fares 2017**

**Fares**

Fares for school bus travel will not be increasing in 2017.

For those students who are on a payment plan there will now be a $20 per term administration fee. This fee will be deducted with the first payment. Parents requiring a payment plan will be required to attend Whitsunday Transit to sign a form authorising a payment plan and the terms associated with this.

**Allocated Bus**

Students are required to travel on the bus allocated to them by Whitsunday Transit. This enables Whitsunday Transit to monitor student numbers travelling and to alter bus routes as required.

Buses that service the Proserpine schools that drop off between Whitsunday Plaza and Airlie Cove will generally drop off at the Whitsunday Sports Park and other stops if required.

If your child has particular requirements you are requested to contact Whitsunday Transit to discuss.

**Bus Forms**

All students requiring school bus travel are required to be registered every year. Bus Travel Assistance (BTA) forms must be filled out for students who are changing schools (this applies to changing campus at St Catherine’s and year 6 to 7 at Whitsunday Christian College). All other students returning to school are required to fill out the Whitsunday Transit Bus Application (small white form).

Any details, such as address or phone numbers, changed with the school throughout the year are also required to be changed with Whitsunday Transit. This means a BTA form is to be filled out.

BTA forms and the Whitsunday Transit Bus Application forms have been distributed to all students. It is requested that these forms are completed and returned prior to the commencement of Term 1 2017.

Any Questions please contact Whitsunday Transit on 07 4946 1800 or email buspassen@whitsundaytransit.com.au

Whitsunday Weightlifting

Whitsunday Weightlifting are holding the North Queensland all school championships on November the 12th.2016 at Proserpine state school. Combined with this event (where we will have Australia’s best Olympic weightlifter in attendance) we have decided to extend the event to include a focus on health and wellbeing and will target all ages and fitness levels. With the prevalence of conditions such as obesity (including childhood obesity), diabetes, sequelae and heart disease, this expo will help people understand the importance of physical activity, good nutrition and alternative therapies to enhance their health, quality of life and longevity.

We are inviting like-minded organisations to participate in this event by either donating goods or setting up small displays of services you provide to our community (at no cost). We plan on having a major social media promotion and will have television and newspaper media involved in this event. In this process you will be contributing to the well-being of the Whitsunday community and helping support our non-for-profit sporting community.

Please E-mail us at whitsundayweightlifting@gmail.com or call Leanne Knox on 0411 199477 if you are interested in participating or donating goods or services in some fashion.
Cystic Fibrosis

My name is Faye Elder and I am the owner of the Proserpine Vet Surgery. I am hoping you can join me on November 20th for this event staged at St Catherine’s LOYOLA campus. My 9 year old daughter has CYSTIC FIBROSIS and CORE magazine has an article about her and this chronic illness in their current issue just out. My niece who is only 16 years old has organised this dog walk/fun run in Mackay, and we are supporting her by staging our fun run/walkathon/dog walk here in Proserpine.

We also will have a HUGE cent sale with over $3000 worth of vouchers and prizes kindly donated by local business and clubs. The dogs will be able to go in competitions after the walk and win lots of goodies: we’ll have fancy dress, smallest dog, biggest dog, best trick, most obedient, most talented. It’s going to be a fun time and we’ll be raising money for a very worthy cause - FAST TRACKING A CURE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS, I hope to see you there! Thankyou for your time, Sincerely, Faye

Mackay Fostering

Foster carer.
Could you be one?

Churches of the Christ Care provide a vital safety net to more than 2,000 children across the state who often come from backgrounds of abuse or neglect, but we need your help.

If you have:
- a heart for children in need
- a desire to transform young lives
- a willingness to put up your home

We’d love to hear from you.

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